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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL NUNN, AFCMD

SUBJECT: AFCMD Support to the National Reconnaissance Program

I would like to ask for your assistance in arranging for AFPRO support to one of our newer NRO programs under development. The type of support is similar to that which you are in the process of providing at [redacted] for another NRO program. For [redacted] ed individuals will function as the NRO Program Office representative to the contractor. Here is what we need:

Two engineers a[redacted] with background experience in thermodynamics, propulsion and/or mechanics. The other should be experienced in aerospace systems evaluation. LMSC will perform electronics and structural manufacturing, assembly and test functions on the satellite system. Both engineers will need to maintain cognizance of the contractor's plans, engineering practice, procedures and schedules.

One engineer at [redacted] California, part-time (60-75%) from June 1974 to November 1976. Specialty: Electronics engineer with experience in digital computers.

In general, the duties of these engineers will be to:

Review contractor procedures to insure compliance in specifications, designs, inspections and test documents compatible with system requirements agreed to by the contractor and the project office.

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Participate in disposition of waivers utilizing sound judgement to insure acceptable hardware yet protecting the program schedules.

Verify test station/equipment certification and/or calibration.

Witness tests to verify compliance with approved test procedures and system requirements. Verify that any changes are properly documented.

Review and verify system data packages, log books, discrepancies, etc., in preparation for system acceptance and/or verification.

Advise the project office of status, progress, problems and plans associated with the above duties.

The program office has requested that the engineers be in the grade level [redacted] 11-13. They will of course need to be cleared fo[redacted]cess.

I would appreciate your making some appropriate nominations for these positions so that I can arrange for thei[redacted] clearances.

Capta[redacted] my Staff can provide additional information on the project. His extension is 52725.

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Director